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Application of: Jove et al.

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For: INHIBITION OF STAT3 SIGNAL TRANSDUCTION FOR HUMAN CANCER THERAPY

Examiner: Rawlings, S.

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated July 2, 2002, in which the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Enclosed herewith is: (a) a Petition for Extension of Time for three (3) months from August 2, 2002 up to and including Saturday, November 2, 2002, accompanied by the appropriate fee; (b) a Fee Transmittal Sheet (in duplicate); and (c) a Request to Correct Inventorship Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b) and pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 116 (in duplicate). Applicants concurrently submit a marked up version of the amended claims as Appendix A and a clean copy of the claims as will be pending after entry of the amendments made herein as Appendix B.

IN THE CLAIMS:

A marked-up version of the claims showing the amendments is attached hereto as Appendix A. Matter that has been deleted from Claim 1 is indicated by brackets and matter that has been added is indicated by underlining.

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 3 to 18 without prejudice.